AN ENGAGED UNIVERSITY

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This is UTEP

23,000+ Students

77% Hispanic

54% Female

69% from ZIP codes with per capita income of less than $19,900 per year

80% grew up in El Paso

60% remain in the region

20% have parents who did not graduate from high school

49% care for dependents

62% are the first in their family to graduate from college
The Washington Monthly’s national college rankings rate schools based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: **social mobility** (recruiting and graduating low-income students), **research** (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.s), and **service** (encouraging students to give something back to their community).

**topten.utep.edu**

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**Carnegie Classification**

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies UTEP as a community engaged institution. The classification is elective and is granted to institutions that demonstrate institutional commitment to community engagement through their mission, identity, infrastructure, and academic, co-curricular and outreach practices.

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**President’s Honor Roll**

The University of Texas at El Paso has been included on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The presidential award is the highest federal recognition an institution can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

560,581 ANNUAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

$13,117,595 VOLUNTEER SERVICE VALUE
MEETING UTEP’S MISSION THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The University of Texas at El Paso is dedicated to the advancement of the El Paso region through teaching and learning, creative and artistic production, and the generation, interpretation, application and dissemination of knowledge. UTEP embraces its role as an intellectual, cultural and socioeconomic asset to the region, offering programs to meet human resource needs and contribute to the quality of life.

As a public university, UTEP is committed to providing access and educational opportunity to the people of the El Paso Del Norte region and the State of Texas. UTEP’s mission of ensuring access is coupled with a commitment to excellence reflected in rigorous programs, which prepare students to make significant contributions to their professions, their communities and the world.

As a research/doctoral institution, UTEP fosters a climate of scholarly inquiry, with a special focus on applying innovative interdisciplinary approaches to explore and address major issues that confront the multicultural U.S.-Mexico border region.
UTEP’s role as a major asset to the human and economic development and quality of life of the Paso del Norte region extends well beyond its teaching and research programs. UTEP’s faculty, staff and students offer their talents, expertise, time and energy to a variety of community organizations and initiatives. Through cultural and arts programming, athletic events, continuing education and lifelong learning, and a broad range of outreach initiatives, UTEP stimulates, coordinates and conducts activities that contribute to an improved quality of life in the region and enhance students’ educational experiences. During the next decade, we will continue these many efforts and develop and articulate further UTEP’s role in promoting the economic development and quality of life of the surrounding region.

1. Continue to exemplify an engaged, community-centered institution that fosters human, cultural and social development and enhances the quality of life of people in the region

2. Foster alignment between UTEP’s teaching, learning and research activity and the individual and collective public service commitment of UTEP students, faculty and staff

3. Articulate broadly UTEP’s commitment to identify and address the needs of the Paso del Norte region, and develop programs and special initiatives that most effectively leverage UTEP’s capacity to respond to those needs

4. Develop strategies to enhance UTEP’s role as a major economic asset to the Paso del Norte region

5. Foster expansion of UTEP’s technology transfer, commercialization and entrepreneurship activity

6. Continue to foster the competitive success of UTEP’s Intercollegiate Athletics Program, and the academic performance and good citizenship of student-athletes

UTEP Strategic Plan 2008-2015
INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RESEARCH
Community-based participatory research
Practice-based research

TEACHING
Community-based academic learning
  • Practicum-based learning
  • Service-learning
  • Field experiential learning
  • Clinicals

SERVICE
Community service
Volunteerism
General outreach
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEFINED

UTEP embraces the Carnegie Foundation’s definition of community engagement as the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

At UTEP, collaboration contributes to the goal of achieving national research university status through institution-wide engaged and integrated research, teaching and service. Partnerships are developed, deployed and evaluated with substantial participation from all involved parties.

Provost’s Task Force on Community Engagement, 2012
Since 2009, the Community & Academic Partnership for Health Science Research and Education (CAPHSR), based in the College of Health Sciences, has sought innovative ways to advance health professional education and community-based participatory research. Through networking and workshops, this partnership brings together over 40 community agencies, UTEP students and faculty to collaborate in mutually beneficial projects, research and health professions training.

In 2012-13, service learning was integrated in over 160 course sections, and 4000+ students participated.

Service learning is a teaching method through which students learn academic content by applying newly acquired skills in real-life situations. In collaboration with community organizations, students engage in service projects that meet actual community needs and offer opportunities for reciprocity, community-based teaching and learning, and mutually beneficial outcomes.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UTEP
Through partnerships and affiliation agreements with medical centers, private clinics, and community health centers, UTEP health sciences and nursing students gain real-life skills during field placements. These partnerships provide gateways for successful hands-on training for students in physical therapy, speech language pathology, social work and other health-related disciplines.
CO-CURRICULAR

COMMUNITY WORK-STUDY

UTEP designates 22% of its work-study allocations (triple the federal mandate) for community-based partnerships where students are matched with nonprofit organizations in service-oriented internships.

PROJECT MOVE (MINER OPPORTUNITIES IN VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES)

Project Move is UTEP’s day of service in which over 1,500 students, faculty, and staff come together on a Saturday to serve more than 75+ community partner organizations in a variety of needed tasks and activities.
1,624 STUDENTS

7,000+ HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH PROJECT MOVE IN 2014

78 AGENCIES

1 DAY

Project Move 2014
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

NUESTRA CASA INITIATIVE

The Nuestra Casa Initiative (Our Home) was an award-winning partnership with the El Paso community where faculty, students, community agencies, and public and policy entities came together to develop a robust, multidisciplinary approach to bring change and awareness around the negative impacts of tuberculosis.

www.nuestracasainitiative.net

EL PASO COLLABORATIVE

The El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence is recognized as one of the most innovative and effective PreK-16 education reform initiatives in Texas and across the nation. At the core of the Collaborative's action agenda is the belief that all children, regardless of race or ethnicity or the neighborhood in which they live, are entitled to a first-rate education and to effective educators who believe in them.

www.epcae.org

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UTEP

2013 C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Award Finalist
Museo Urbano (museum of the streets) is a community project through UTEP’s History Department that highlights the rich history and culture of El Segundo Barrio, the Ellis Island of the Southwest. It was inspired by eco-museum and community museum movements that grew out of a grass-roots exploration of community traditions and sense of place and identity. It is intended to create community experiences that raise awareness about the neighborhood’s historic value. It includes historical exhibits, murals and workshops as well as walking tours.

2013 Outstanding Public History Project Award

National Council on Public History
ncph.org
COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND OUTREACH

Professional and Public Programs (P3)

Professional and Public Programs (P3) offers a wide range of non-credit and credit community enrichment and language programs to the regional community including business, government, and public entities. P3 is also responsible for the popular summer enrichment programs for K-12 children called The Kids on Campus Programs.

admin.utep.edu/p3

GRANT LIBRARY

Through the University Library, UTEP is a Cooperating Collection site of the Foundation Center, providing free access to online databases of active national funders as well as print resources on location for community organizations. Regular trainings are offered to community organizations on how to utilize the database to search for grants, as well as grant writing basics.

UTEP welcomes the community on its campus through a variety of cultural, educational, and athletic offerings

Events
Minerpalooza
Sporting events
Orange & Blue Day
Lecture Series
Movies on the Lawn

Venues
Centennial Museum
Sun Bowl Stadium
Don Haskins Center
University Library
UTEP Dinner Theater
THE UTEP FAMILY
PROMOTING THE
COLLEGE-GOING
MESSAGE
ALL IN ONE DAY
(OCTOBER 3, 2014)

UTEP CELEBRATES

The UTEP Celebrates Program took place in 2014 when over 1,300 volunteers made up of students, faculty, staff and alumni formed teams to visit 250+ schools in Region 19, connecting with more than 185,000 children through a college-going message; for some children, this was the first time anyone ever invited them to think about going to college.

185,000
STUDENTS

269
SCHOOLS

12
DISTRICTS
The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) was established in 1998 to coordinate and support partnerships between faculty and students and community organizations. The CCE is an institutionalized unit within the University and is housed under the Office of the Provost. The CCE also is supported by Faculty Fellows in-residence responsible for helping to build a core of community engaged scholars on campus.

**MISSION**

To enhance higher education and contribute to the public good through community-based teaching and learning initiatives that enrich student education, promote civic engagement, and improve the community while capitalizing on the region’s and UTEP’s social and intellectual capital.
CCE GOALS

- Increase student and faculty engagement
- Support community-engaged scholarship
- Improve documentation, assessment and dissemination efforts
- Positively impact community

THE CCE’S PROGRAMMING INCLUDES:

- Service-learning programs
- Community work-study internships
- Community service through the Miner Volunteer Corps
- Student poll worker training and recruitment
- High school community leadership training (CYnergy)
- Trainings for nonprofit organizations
- Community educational and awareness partnership events
PLANNING AND THE FUTURE

UTEP is deliberate about its level of community engagement and thus established the Community Engagement Task Force in 2012. The Task Force documented internal and external best practices and models of community engagement and produced a prioritized list of recommendations for areas of improvement and innovation. One key recommendation was the establishment of the Community Engagement Council, which is a standing group, dedicated to advancing engagement on campus.

COMMUNITY PARTNER APPRECIATION EVENT

Through the Community Appreciation Event, UTEP highlights the work contributed by community partners to student success as co-teachers of its students. By opening their doors, community-based organizations expand the learning environment of students, providing and enhancing opportunities for experiential learning. The event provides an opportunity to honor the organizations and individuals who make such partnerships work.
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

A.Y.U.D.A.
Ability Connection Texas
Accion Texas, Inc
Adult Probation
Advocacy Center for Children
Afterschool Program
Alliance of Border Collaboratives
Alzheimer’s Association
American Cancer Society
American GI Forum Veterans
American Red Cross El Paso Area
Animal Rescue League
Annunciation House
Anthony ISD
Arimjo Library
Arimjo Youth Outreach/Chihuahuita Project
Army Community Service
Association of Fundraising Professionals? West TX/Southern NM Chapter
Avance
Benvivir Senior Health Services
Better Business Bureau
Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso
Border Human Rights Network
Border Immersion Program
Border Senses
Border TM Industries
Boy & Girls Club of El Paso
Boys and Girls Scout
Candlelighters of West TX
Canutillo ISD
Casas Por Cristo
Center Against Family Violence
Center for Accommodations and Support Services
Center for Community Empowerment Systems
Center for Employment Training
Center for Therapeutic Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Central El Paso Community Organization
Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe
Child Crisis Center
Clardy Fox Library
Clint ISD
Coalition for Family Economic Progress
Consulado de Mexico en El Paso Ventanilla de Salud
Creative Kids
Crime Scene Unit Forensics
DEA
Dell City ISD
Derest View UCC Church
Desert Mountain AHEC
Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services Inc.
Downtown Artist and Farmers Market
Edumobile, Inc
El Neighborhood Services
El Paso Bridges Academy
El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development
El Paso Country Nutrution Program
El Paso County Attorney’s Teen Court
El Paso County Elections Office
El Paso County Sheriff’s Office
El Paso Diabetes Association
El Paso Exploreum Children’s Museum
El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center
El Paso Humane Society
El Paso ISD
El Paso Leadership Academy
El Paso Museum of History
El Paso Police Department
El Paso Skatepark Association
El Paso Villa Maria
El Paso Zoo
El Paso’s District Attorney’s Office-Domestic Violence Unit
ElFIDA P. Chavez Elementary
EP Country Department of Mental Health Support Services
EPCC Rio Grande Border Health Clinic
Esperanza A. Moreno Library
Fabens ISD
Familias Triunfadoras
Family Service of El Paso
First Tee of Greater El Paso
Fort Bliss Volunteer Opportunities
Fort Hancock ISD
Four Bit Horse Farm
Franklin Heights Nursing Center
COMMUNITY PARTNERS CONTINUED

Franklin Heights Nursing Center
Get Covered America
Girl Scouts of the Southwest Desert
Greenhouse Cancer Foundation
Hemophilia Outreach
Horizon Health Care
Hospice of El Paso
Houchen Community Center
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey
International AIDS empowerment
International Museum of Art
Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista Library
Judge Edward Marquez Library
Junior Achievement of the Desert Southwest, Inc
Junior Achievement
Junior Women’s Club of El Paso
Juvenile Justice Center
Keep Vinton Beautiful
Kids N Company
La Familia del Paso, Inc
La Fe Montana Vista Community Resource Center
La Posada Home
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
Latinitas
Lee and Beulah Moor Children’s Home
Loya Family YMCA
LULAC National Educational Service Centers
Lydia Patterson Institute
Memorial Park Library
Miracle League of El Paso
Model Cities - El Paso
Montevista at Coronado
Moose On Duty- Elfida P. Chavez
Mother/Daughter-Father Son Program
Mountain Health Care
Mountain Villa Nursing
Mujer Oblerea
Mustard Seed Community Café
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Opportunity Center
Paso del Norte Academy
Paso del Norte Children’s Development Center
Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
Paul L. Foster School of Medicine
Pet Guardian Angel
Project Bravo
Project Concern International
Project Vida
Public Defenders Office
Rebuilding Together El Paso
Reynolds Home
Rio Grande Area Agency On Aging
Rio Vista Community Center
Ronald McDonald House
Safe Haven
Salvation Army
San Elizario ISD
SEISD - Adult Education Program
Sierra Blanca ISD
Sierra Providence East Network
Sin Fronteras
Socorro ISD
Solucion TB
Southwest Keys
Southwest Vote Registration Education Project
Special Olympics
Sunridge at Cambria

Sunridge Cielo Vista
TAIP Treatment Center at Downtown and Yselta
TB Photovoice
TEAM
Texas A&M Colonias Program
Texas Department of Family & Child Protective Services
Texas Hunger Initiative
Texas Juvenile Justice Center
Texas rural Legal Aid (TRLA)
Texas Youth Commission
Therapeutic Horsemanship of El Paso
Tornillo ISD
TurboVote
U.S Marshall
U.S Probation Department
United Blood Services
United Service Organization
University Medical Center Foundation
Veteran Transitional Living Center
Villa Maria
Vista Hills Health Center
VLTC Veteran Transitional Living Center
West Texas Regional Poison Control Center
Women’s Fund of El Paso
Women’s Intercultural Center
YMCA/Bowling Family
YMCA/Loya Family
YMCA/Westside Family
Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo
Ysleta ISD
Ysleta Library
YUCCA Council Boy Scouts of America
YWCA Paso del Norte Region
CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS